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NEPA Documentation for Solar Pond Sludge Removal

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I have reviewed the analysis of the applicability of the existing Solar Ponds environmental assessment (EA) to the proposed Accelerated Pondsludge Removal Containerization for the Solar Ponds. The analysis listed three items that would be changed from the original proposed action in the EA:

- 1 The storage location for pond sludge awaiting treatment would be changed from storage within the Solar Ponds to storage on the 750 pad.
- 2 Solar Pond sludge would not be solidified as it is removed from the Solar Ponds, but would be stored as sludge in tanks on the 750 pad until permission for disposal at NTS or another location is secured. The sludge would be treated at that time to meet current waste acceptance criteria for the proposed destination.
- 3 Additional storage tanks, pumps and ancillary equipment, not discussed in the EA, would be needed to move and store the sludge instead of converting it to solidified waste.

I concur with the recommendation of EG&G's NEPA Compliance Committee that no further NEPA documentation needs to be prepared for these activities. While the activities themselves vary slightly from the proposals analyzed in the EA, the impacts that result from these activities would be the same or similar to those identified in the EA.

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